

PRESS RELEASE

Corporate Affairs Director moves to Baxter Healthcare.

NICE has announced that, from November, Anne-Toni Rodgers (Corporate Affairs Director) is to take up a new post of Director, Government Affairs and Public Policy with Baxter Healthcare.

Miss Rodgers said, "I've thoroughly enjoyed being with NICE since its inception and I am extremely proud to be part of the team which has seen its work accepted both nationally and internationally. I know that NICE guidance makes a real difference and that the team will continue in its commitment to lead the world in the work it does. I am looking forward to working with the team at Baxter and the challenges of my new role".

Andrew Dillon, Chief Executive of NICE, said: "Anne-Toni has been involved in every major development since NICE was formed and has made an outstanding contribution to the work of the Institute. Although her responsibilities at a corporate level are broad, it is her work in developing what is generally acknowledged to be a first class communications and dissemination function for which she is best known. The presentation of our work, which is so important to the effectiveness of what we do, is respected in the UK and beyond. And the web site - through which many in our wide international audience as well as the NHS follow our work - is the best of its kind. She will be greatly missed".

Professor Sir Michael Rawlins, Chair of NICE added "Anne-Toni has done a magnificent job for NICE. We will greatly miss her energy, enthusiasm, commitment and expertise. We wish her well in her new venture".

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Notes to Editors

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About NICE

1. NICE is part of the NHS. It is the independent organisation responsible for providing national guidance on treatments and care for those using the NHS in England and Wales. Its guidance is for healthcare professionals and patients and their carers to help them make decisions about treatment and healthcare. For further information about NICE you can visit www.nice.org.uk.
2. NICE produces guidance in three areas of health:
 - the use of new and existing medicines and treatments within the NHS in England and Wales – technology appraisals.
 - the appropriate treatment and care of patients with specific diseases and conditions within the NHS in England and Wales – clinical guidelines.
 - whether interventional procedures used for diagnosis or treatment are safe enough and work well enough for routine use– interventional procedures.

NICE also funds three enquiries that undertake research into the way patients are treated to identify ways of improving the quality of care (the investigations are known as confidential enquiries).

3. NICE guidance and recommendations are prepared by independent groups that include professionals working in the NHS and people who are familiar with the issues affecting patients and carers.

About Baxter Healthcare Ltd.

4. Baxter Healthcare Ltd. is the primary domestic operating subsidiary of Baxter International Inc. (NYSE: BAX). Baxter International Inc., through its subsidiaries, assists health-care professionals and their patients with treatment of complex medical conditions, including cancer, hemophilia, immune disorders, kidney disease and trauma. The company applies its expertise in medical devices, pharmaceuticals and biotechnology to make a meaningful difference in patients' lives.

About Anne-Toni Rodgers

5. As a member of the Board Anne-Toni plays a full role in the corporate management of the Institute and acts as an executive lead on both technology appraisals and clinical guidelines. She holds responsibility for the Institute's communication strategy, which includes communication of the Institute's purpose and methodologies, and dissemination of the Institute's guidance to all stakeholders.
6. Anne-Toni is a pharmacology graduate with a strong track record in working with the NHS, industry and patients. She is a graduate of the Common Purpose Programme, Vice-Chair of the London Region of the Institute for Health Service Management, an editorial board member for the Journal of Quality in Healthcare and a member of the management board of the National Prescribing Centre.
7. Anne-Toni joined the National Institute for Clinical Excellence on July 12th 1999. Prior to joining the Institute she spent 18 years in a variety of roles for the pharmaceutical industry including, pure research, regulatory affairs, sales & marketing, and government & industry affairs.